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William Payne (left) and Congressman Donald Payne (right) are pictured with the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

## State DOT and PA charged with 'shortchanging' Newark and Essex

NEWARK — Newark, Elizabeth and Essex and Union Counties are being "shortchanged" by the State and Port Authority when it comes to funding economic development and transportation initiatives, Mayor Sharpe James charged. The failure to recognize their mass transit and development needs "poses an economic threat" to these cities and counties, he maintained.

In a statement issued by the Mayor, he pointed to plans by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT) to spend almost \$2 billion on three "major development and transportation projects in Hudson and Bergen Counties, while totally ignoring the mass transit needs of Newark and Essex."

James contended that \$2 billion in transportation projects, earmarked

for Hudson County, Secaucus and the area adjacent to the Meadowlands Sports Complex, will create "mini cities," that when linked by mass transit to the Hudson Waterfront will create one vast "mega city" that will threaten the economic life of existing urban centers in Essex and Union Counties.

"After 15 years of footdragging on all mass transit projects," the Mayor maintained, "the DOT is full speed ahead on projects that will create ghettos and face the decline of urban cities such as Newark."

James said that there would be no need to spend billions of dollars to provide mass transit connections to such amenities as the sports complex if they had been built closer to cities and not put in the "boondocks."

"While I am not criticizing Hudson and Bergen Counties' receipt of these commitments, I am criticizing the state's deliberate failure to provide any comparable consideration for Newark, Elizabeth and Essex and Union Counties. The people of our area need access to and the opportunity for employment," James wrote in his statement.

The local opportunities for a mass transit project linking Newark and Elizabeth with the Newark International Airport have been "totally threatened" by recent decisions made by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, he asserted.

The Port Authority plans to spend \$2.6 billion for 20-mile airport rail link in New York City, while project (continued on page 10)

## Lewis set the pace for blacks business

by William Reed

In what marked the end of the greatest entrepreneurial success story in modern African-American history, Reginald F. Lewis died in Manhattan late January.

A Wall Street lawyer and financier, Lewis became one of the nation's richest businessmen, black or white, in a little over 10 years. He was only 50 when he died from a cerebral hemorrhage that resulted from brain cancer. Reg Lewis had amassed personal assets of \$400 million in his successful rush for the gold.

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## Dr. Hernandez named president of JCSC



Dr. Carlos Hernandez

realty." Dr. Hernandez had served as acting president of JCSC since September 1, when Dr. William J. Maxwell, the senior state college president in New Jersey, left his post after 18 years of service as the institution's chief executive officer.

Prior to his appointment as acting president by the College's Board of Trustees, Dr. Hernandez had served as JCSC's provost since 1988 and vice president for academic affairs since 1983. He was named vice president after three years of service as executive assistant to the president.

In response to the committee's decision to name him president, Dr. Hernandez commented, "Becoming the College's tenth president is a major step for me personally and professionally; a step I am eager to take. I would not feel as confident as I do if we did not have a tradition of sound working relationships and respect between the faculty, administration, and staff. We have a shared sense of purpose and mission, and we have defined a unique set of goals that will serve as a blueprint for growth and educational excellence."

Dr. Hernandez, who holds a doctorate in psychology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, joined the faculty of Jersey City State College in 1973 as an instructor of psychology. He had been employed previously as a consultant to the Cooper Hewitt Museum and the Criminal Justice Evaluation Project of New York City.

## The Power of Love

The families behind NJ's black political leaders

by Nicol Diarra Davis

It is often said that love makes the world go 'round. Omnia Vincit Amor (Love conquers all) is also a common claim. In honor of Valentine's Day, City News asked some of our community's political representatives to tell us how the "Power of Love" has affected their lives. They each spoke of the love that has been most significant to their success.

Congressman Donald Payne says that it has been the love and support of his brother, William Payne, that has helped him to climb the political ladder.

"Of course other family members have been active — my sisters, my children, my dad, when he was alive," he says. "I have supportive relatives. I've always had a few cousins who always come when nobody else is there. But Bill

has been the one that has really been involved from the beginning."

Bill has been the back bone of the Congressman's political campaign since his first attempts at being elected to public office. The devoted older brother makes sure that every little detail is taken care of.

"You need to have a trusted person, someone who is dependable, someone who believes in your program, to do that," Congressman Payne says.

In many instances, politicians hire people to perform the job that

Bill does for his brother.

"They are hired hands," Bill says. "They don't really share the same kind of philosophical outlook on things. They are just working for [the politician] for their pay. In this case, it's because it's an extension of my own political philosophy."

Bill has always felt that government is very (most) (continued on page 2)

## Art in the Atrium Gallery

An exhibition of art in celebration of the African-American Family during Black History Month



Don Miller (left) and Alonzo Adams stand in front of a painting by Adams, "Pleasure."

MORRISTOWN — An exhibit of oils, mixed media, watercolors and sculpture show casing the works of local talents as well as internationally and nationally renowned African-American artists — such as Romare Bearden, William T. Wiley, Jacob Lawrence, Janet Taylor Pickett, Binta Washington, Eleta Caldwell and Alonzo Adams — is being showcased at the Atrium Art Gallery in the Morris County Administration and Records Building in celebration of Black History Month.

The exhibit, "In Celebration of the African-American Family," was conceived by a coalition of Morris County civic organizations, and the community is hosting the exhibit to pay tribute to the African-American family.

"We are very excited about the way the community came together to make this happen," said Arthur Belden, member of the Art in the

Atrium Committee. "Initially we had an idea when the community embraced the idea and it took off."

The committee says that although the family unit represents the core of existence for most African-Americans, the impact of its love, strength and dedication as a driving force is often understated or overlooked.

"This is an exhibition about the love, hope, joy, humor, aspirations and triumphs of the African-American family made visual," said Russell A. Murray, curator of the exhibit. "Recording, teaching, interpreting and understanding those experiences in visual form has been the almost sacred responsibility of the artist in all cultures from the inception of civilization. The 36 African-American artists presented here to you are no different, exploring and preserving both new and traditional ideas and materials, but always creating powerful and provocative images that

make tangible the African-American experience through representations, symbols, colors, constructions and form."

Corporations, businesses, churches and community organizations have underwritten the cost of the exhibition which will serve to showcase the contributions of African-American artists and enhance the cultural and artistic interests of the community.

Young men of Morris County's B.E.S.T. (Black Educators and Support Team), a mentor program for young, black males and young men and women of Morris County's Jack & Jill volunteered their services as hosts and hostesses on the opening night of the exhibit.

"They volunteer to perform [a variety of] services for events throughout the community," said Charles D. Craig, member of Art in the Atrium Committee and advisor to the young volunteers. "It's something for our youth to do. They need to see what it's like to be of use to the community."

The Art in the Atrium Gallery Committee realizes that this exhibition will bring major art activity to Morris County for only a few weeks. However, from a long term perspective, it is hoped that the exhibits presence will enable African-American art to develop a more permanent presence in the community's artistic life. The committee is already planning for next year's exhibit.

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## Grandma Queen's Story: A study in pride, survival

COMMENTARY

by George W. Haley, Esq.

People often ask whether, when Alex and I were growing up, I ever imagined Alex would produce a work like "Roots." Although younger brothers sometimes perceive miraculous abilities in older brothers, the honest answer is "No." I never conceived the magnitude of "Roots" in my loftiest expectations of Alex. And so, think, now, posthumously, another of his works, "Queen," which some predict will be just as powerful, is ready for television viewing.

"Roots" traces our maternal family lineage back to Africa and, as Alex would frequently say, it typified any Black family who might successfully trace its African roots. "Queen" traces our paternal family lineage to Scotland. This, of course, could also be true of many other Black families with traces of Caucasian roots. It seems incredible to me that my late brother was given the vision and wisdom — and, indeed, the good fortune — to develop from our own family history two masterpieces that speak to some of the still festering cancers of our nation — Racism.

Grandma Queen's life offers an avenue for fresh communication among all people in our country. Her life presents an opportunity for every American to openly enlighten and remind himself about what we know has existed from the founding of this nation. Miscegenation, or

interacial cohabitation, was as commonplace in America a century and a half ago as it is today. Like any other baby, then or now, Queen had no control over who her parents were. A southern white master became intimate with one of his Black slaves, who had a baby whom they named "Queen."

Sexual interaction between the races is visibly evident in the range of skin hues in most African-American families; complexion can range from the lightest white to the darkest black.

Simon Alexander Haley, my dad, was Queen's youngest son. He was a fair-skinned and sometimes mistaken for a white man. He married a dark-skinned woman named Bertha, and they produced three medium brown-skinned sons.

During the summer of 1951, when I was a second-year law student, Dad and I were driving from St. Louis to Pine Bluff, Ark., and I pulled into a combination car service and food establishment just off the highway to fill the tank and get the car serviced. As I pulled up to the gas tank and stopped the car, Dad, who had been asleep in the back seat, was awakened and said he thought he would go inside and get a hamburger. Dad was wearing a suit and tie, a jacket, a red shirt and a cap. When I had completed getting the car serviced, I decided to join Dad inside the restaurant for a hamburger and a milk shake. I stepped inside and popped up on the counter stool next to my dad, who was about half-

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Russell A. Murray, exhibit curator

## Community Calendar

**TUESDAYS, NOW thru MARCH 9**

**JERSEY CITY**—The Fifth Leadership Training Institute of New Hope Ministries of the Baptist Association will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more info or registration call Ms. Barbara D. Strothers 201-375-5981, or Ida L. Rodgers, 201-434-4634.

**SATURDAYS, NOW thru MAY**

**ENGLEWOOD**—The YOUSA/Gaile Dance Ensemble is proud to announce a creative dance workshop and training program for youths, ages 12-17, at Gaile United Methodist Church from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will have the opportunity to attend concerts at Lincoln Center in New York at minimum cost. For more info call YOUSA, 201-894-1866 or 201-836-1838.

**TUESDAYS, NOW thru MAY 25**

**SCOTCH PLAINS**—Individuals with disabilities may enjoy open swim with the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation every Tuesday from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Fairwood YMCA, 1540 Martine Avenue, free of charge. Persons requiring assistance in either the water or the locker room should bring a chaperone. For more info call 908-527-4930.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**PLAINFIELD**—"Not Just Diet," a program promoting weight loss and physical fitness, will be holding classes at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The fee for the four-week program is \$200. For more info and registration call Peggy Martin, R.N., 908-685-2317, or Carol Devine, R.D., 908-685-2102.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**JERSEY CITY**—"Traditional & Spiritual Healing," a workshop that will promote a more objective move toward understanding the different processes and procedures of health care, will be held at 7 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library, 489 Bergen Avenue, as part of the Community Awareness Series. For more info call 201-547-6907.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**PLAINFIELD**—Registration will be held for the Plainfield Youth Baseball League at Hubbard School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants may also register at the Recreation Office at City Hall weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The league is for Plainfield residents ages 8-12.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**EAST ORANGE**—The Parent Advocacy Group for Education (PAGE) will host its first annual information fair—theme: Parent Involvement v. Parent Participation—from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at East Orange High School's Donnie Warwick Auditorium, 34 N. Walnut Street. A continental breakfast, lunch and baby sitting service will be available. Registration is \$5. For more info, call Ann Moore at 201-266-2593 (weekdays).

## The Power of Love

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important because it "impacts on all of our lives." When he and the Congressman became involved in politics, at a very young age, Bill was the brother seeking public office and Donald was his supporter. Bill became the first black elected to the County Committee in Newark's North Ward at the age of 21.

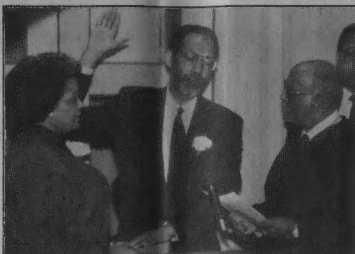
With only two years and eight days difference between the ages of the brothers, both of whom were born in Italy, they have been extremely close since they were children. As children, they were almost always together. Even when they were not together, one was never far behind the other.

The Payne brothers were often compared to the Corsican brothers. Friends and neighbors quipped, "If one of you gets hurt the other will feel it," as was the case with the Corsicans.

Like the Corsican brothers, the Payne brothers have very different personalities. Bill has a reputation of "being the aggressive, the blunt one, the direct one, whereas Don is the nice guy."

They are also often compared to Bobby and John Kennedy. "I do the 'dirty work' and Don gets elected," Bill jokes. "They [certain political leaders] use to tell Don, 'Don, you come, but please don't bring your brother with you.' Because I cut through the mustard," Bill explains. "I don't like to be the foolkiller. I say 'this is what we're supposed to be doing.'"

The Payne brothers were raised by their grandparents because their mother died when they were children. Con-



Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell (c) was sworn in as mayor in 1989 by the Honorable Rudolph N. Hawkins, Jr. (r); his wife, Juneetta, is pictured holding the Bible.

their home would probably be considered "broken," it was far from it. They had a very strong family.

"Regardless of the structure, as long as a family is strong and sound, it will lead its members to be successful," says the Congressman. "Family is the basic foundation. If you have a strong family, everything else can be handled."

Bill says, "If the family knows that they can depend on one another, then [no one ever] feels like they're out there by themselves."

But, according to the Payne brothers, family goes far beyond the immediate. They believe in the African proverb that states "It takes a village to raise a child."



Camden Mayor Aaron A. Thompson and his wife Bernice

successful years ago, because the community was there to extend or to correct or to chastise," Congressman Payne says.

Bill remembers being "corrected and chastised" as a child by adults throughout his neighborhood. "At that time you would wonder 'Why does he keep minding my business?' But when you get older and look back at it, you realize that it was Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Williams down the street that kept you on the straight and narrow. That's what our kids don't have."

As the director of the One to One mentoring program, Bill teaches the concept of the extended family. "Even though families may be dysfunctional, if we get people to serve as mentors (to young people), they become extended family—somebody that young people can look to and have a sense of stability," he says.

"We're trying to get back to the question of having the village raise the child, because then you get support from all over," says Congressman Payne.

With models like the Payne brothers, the young people involved with the One to One program can't go wrong.

**Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell** attributes his success to his wife of 36 years, Juneetta, and his daughters, Beverly and Vanessa.

The Mayor and his wife were childhood sweethearts.

## Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

### Use your common sense

This is the sixth in a series of eight columns that will give you common sense advice to make your life "nice."

21. Answer your private questions with positive, rational answers. (Don't fall something over before it even happens.)

"I don't have a college degree, so I will be a failure." This is an illogical statement. Many people without college degrees have been very successful.

"Harry is a nice guy, so he must be weak. Therefore, I can take advantage of him." This is an illogical statement. Harry may be nice, but he may also be far tougher than he thinks he is. He might tougher than you.

Logic is common sense. Use it when you make judgments and evaluations.

Hope that others use commonsense when they judge you. How would you like it if someone said that you were an odd-ball simply because you did things differently? If you don't want to be judged illogically, don't judge others that way.

22. Use your energy to give yourself confidence and motivation. (Don't waste your good energy on anger.)

Did somebody make you angry? No, they didn't. You made yourself angry. Control your anger because when you get angry, you use up energy that you could be using to become successful. Put that angry energy to good use. Oh, yes, damp the person who makes you angry. Life is too short to be spent being unhappy.

23. Expect some things to fail and you will be prepared for the inevitable. (Don't expect perfection, and don't let failure stop you.)

Realistically, some of your plans will end in failure. The trick that you must master is to be emotionally prepared for that failure and to have a plan already devised that you will put into action after the failure. Don't get angry, get motivated to be a better person.

24. Accept your feelings of sorrow, regret and frustration. (Don't think that you won't be unhappy sometimes.)

Your feelings are normal. Are you frustrated? It's O.K. Your frustration will soon disappear. You can still move ahead even while you are frustrated.

25. Avoid procrastination. (Don't waste time and don't put important things off.)

Have you got something important to do? Do it now. If you wait until tomorrow, you may not be around to enjoy the benefits of your endeavors. Life is short and unpredictable. Enjoy every moment of your life while you can.

"We grew up together," he says. "We started our family when we were young, so our children grew up with us." The oldest daughter of the mayor and his wife is 35 years old.

Mayor Mitchell believes that it is important for a family to communicate and share one another's problems. It is also important to be "supportive of one another, lending a helping hand whenever it's needed."

The Mayor also believes that "family goes beyond just blood relatives." Growing up on a farm in segregated North Carolina, the Mayor remembers blacks in the community depending on one another.

"Where I come from, if the guy across the field needed some help, everyone in the neighborhood got together and helped," he explains. "If he needed his house painted, everyone in the neighborhood got together and

Painted his house."

To rebuild the bond between families and the community the Mayor says, "We must take time to spend with our children. We need time to show them and teach them values."

He explains that children are aware of much more than adults may think. He discusses the talks that he has had with his 12-year-old grandson Sabot: "We've talked about some of everything under the sun."

The Mayor says that because children are exposed to so much, it is very important to talk to them, "If we don't take time to teach our young people, this generation is going to be lost."

**Mayor Aaron A. Thompson** of Camden says that the love of his wife, Bernice, "gets me going each day."

"She's the force behind me. She's

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Can you remember the black family?

Does anyone remember the black family? I'm not talking about a black "nuclear" family, consisting of a mother, a father and their children. I'm talking about the "black family," which has a definition all its own.

The black family consisted of any combination of relatives that could be formed from the family tree — mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws. But the black family also consisted of people in the neighborhood. They were not actually on the porch, but they happily took the slack for the leaves that may have been missing.

Ms. Mary and Ms. Helen kept an eye on the kids after school when their parents were still at work. Mr. Joe and Mr. Bill were always around to fix the plumbing or paint the porch. Ms. Lizzie and Ms. Mabel could always be counted on for a good hot meal when times were tough, and they did not forget Ms. Bernice and Ms. Ann, who could always be found sitting on the porch with the neighborhood's latest gossip.

The black family stood by one another. All of the adults had a hand in raising all of the children. If a child was caught misbehaving by any of the adults in the neighborhood, that adult could discipline the child on the spot. Besides being kept on the straight and narrow, the children were also much safer. Rarely was any child out alone because all of the children played together. Parents didn't have to worry so much about who their children were with because they almost always knew.

The "black family" seems to have vanished. The family tree has been cut down to a bush — and the remaining branches are being clipped each day. Some of the branches have re-rooted in other neighborhoods, where Ms. Lizzie and Mr. Bill have been replaced by Ms. Angelo and Mr. Bernstein. Other branches are withering from the negative climate now present in the "hood." Neighbors who used to look out for one another are afraid to even look out of their windows. The children are not safe and secure in their own homes, let alone the streets.

We must find a way to save the black family tree, for our children if nothing else. Though many of our branches have been clipped and many of our leaves have blown away, our roots are still strong. If we provide our young with the proper care and nourishment, they will begin to bud. Then maybe one day our tree will blossom again.



by Connie Woodruff

Black politics in the Essex-Hudson County area will not be the same without Clarence (Larry) Coggins around to develop winning campaign strategy for some ambitious young politician with a year for elected office.

Coggins was recognized nationally as a master political strategist, a "political guru," a "friend, political mentor and a man with a mission" to empower black communities with elected men and women of color.

He was all of these things and more: a "self-taught" scholar, philosopher and computer master who spoke Russian, Polish, Korean, French and Spanish long before he earned a college degree over the last decade.

Larry, as he was known to long time friends, had two passions: the election of African-Americans to high political office and Communism. He was a firm and loyal follower of the Marxist-Leninist theory of social doctrine and attributed his success to his belief in the Party and its teachings.

He would probably have been proudest of the eulogy delivered by his son, Clarence III and witnessed by a throng of people representing a cross-section of Newark where he had lived for many years.

Before he adopted politics as his profession,

Coggins found an outlet for his energy and advocacy for the disadvantaged, in the labor movement. He was a born organizer of people and causes and working as a shop steward at the Maidenform (bra manufacturing) plant in Jersey City-Bayonne gave him an opportunity to hone his political skills and to develop new dignity and freedoms for his fellow workers in the garment industry.

But he found his real niche when he began to spend time in Newark in the early 1950s. He helped direct when community activists like the late Timothy Still and Noah Marshall, Sr., Lorraine Hayes, Eulis "Honey" Ward, Larrie West Stalks and many others welcomed him into the circle that was lobbying for the election of a Black to the then City Commission.

Clarence Coggins was front and center in the battle to change Newark's form of government and when that was accomplished, he then became the architect of a winning campaign for Irvine I. Turner, the city's first black elected communist representing the predominantly black Central Ward.

That was the beginning of many successful campaigns to come. The election of Kenneth Gibson as Newark's first black mayor, along with a community choice team of councilmen: Earl Harris, Dennis Westbrook, Sharpe James. He directed two presidential primary campaigns in New Jersey for Jesse Jackson, conducted special training programs for the State Democratic Committee and

organized over-whelming support for Ken Gibson when he sought the Democratic primary for governor.

When his long time friend, Earl Harris died, Coggins immediately took his son, Gary, under his wing. Tony Gary Harris is also a councilman-at-large and came July 1 will move up to the city council presidency.

Nobody knew better than Larry Coggins what he had going for himself but he preferred to be king-maker rather than king and always moved quietly behind the scene. But there was another side to Clarence Coggins the world rarely saw. While he was compassionate toward the disadvantaged and was an ardent crusader against poverty and injustice, he could become impatient with stupidity. His motto may well have been "I don't get mad, I get even." Those who felt the sting of a Coggins' rebuke didn't forget it for a long time.

All of his life Clarence Coggins was a tireless worker when there was a worthy cause to pursue. He was not driven by personal ambition and self-advancement but by his passionate belief that political and social activism was the way to go.

He would have been pleased indeed to hear Ken Gibson, Councilman Ralph Grant, Donald Bradley, George Branch and Gary Harris offer reflections along with Joyce Anna Morgan, a former Newark mentee who is now an administrator with the Chicago Public Housing Authority.

## Grandma Queen's story

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finished with his hamburger.

I requested a hamburger and milk shake, and the man behind the counter looked at Dad and said, "Your chauffeur can't eat in here." Dad had his mouth full of hamburger. Both he and I were so startled that it took some few seconds to respond. I then turned to Dad and said, "Sir, will you please order me a hamburger and a milk shake?" Dad said, "Very well," and I went outside to wait while he was penetrating through the large plate glass window. Dad completed his hamburger, and when the man brought my hamburger and milk shake to Dad, I stepped back in and said, "Dad, hurry up with your milk shake. We've got a 40-minute mile to cover today." Dad said, "Very well, son." The man behind the counter turned around as the shirt was wearing. He looked at Dad and discovered his error. He so paid our bill and drove further into the South.

Open minds on race simply do not exist in the American scene. They never have. At least not during my lifetime, and I am now 67 years of age. Most Americans know this in fact, whether they admit it publicly or even privately to themselves. And I do not expect this situation, racial preferencing, to change during my lifetime.

In spite of our prejudices, if in fact we could most these matters with an open mind, we could admit how ludicrous are our public thinking and habits on race issues. This is what the story of Grandma Queen exemplifies.

The story of Grandma Queen, "Roots" and "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," as written by my brother Alex, all provide avenues of communication and exchanges of basic experience in America and an opportunity

for us all to honestly examine ourselves, to become more forthright with ourselves, and — as a result — to hopefully make our country stronger.

I believe the Black race is in the conscience of this nation. I literally have fought for equality. We absolutely need all of our abilities — actively motivated — for this nation to long survive. A quote from Frederick Douglass, himself a child resulting from a master-slave relationship, states my case.

"We Negroes are here, and here we are likely to be. To imagine that we shall ever be eradicated is absurd and ridiculous. We can be modified, changed and assimilated, but never extinguished. We repeat, therefore, that we are here, and that this is our country. We shall neither die nor be driven out but shall go with this people, as they testify against us, as so an evidence in their favor throughout their generations."

Alex. He contributed greatly to the creation of a better relationship between two people of this country because his work stirred the conscience of so many. To people who ask me whether I felt Alex would produce the monumental works he did when we were growing up, again, my answer is no. But what he accomplished and contributed after he grew up, and before he left us, gives me deep introspection... and tremendous pride.

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## Quote of the Week

"It takes a village to raise a child."

— African proverb



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by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

"The child, for the full and harmonious development of his personality, needs love and understanding. He shall, wherever possible, grow up in the care and under the responsibility of his parents, and in any case in an atmosphere of affection and of security. The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. He shall not be the subject of traffic in any form... The child shall be protected from practices which may foster racial, religious and any other form of discrimination. He shall be brought up in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace and universal brotherhood and in the consciousness that his energy and talent should be devoted to the service of his fellow men." — Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1959)

The Declaration of the Rights of the Child was adopted on November 20, 1959 as an extension of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Its general objective was to create a climate in which the children of the world could enjoy a safe, happy, and wholesome life. The goal was indeed admirable. Unfortunately, the nations of the world did not follow through on this commitment, and as a result, many children around the world are living in inhuman conditions, poverty stricken and abandoned.

As we begin the start of celebrations in honor of African-American History Month, we must put the spotlight on the plight of millions of African-American children, and make a sincere effort to work harder to save their lives and protect their future. The news during the last few weeks has sadly reminded us, that our children are in a crisis which clearly demonstrates the moral and spiritual decline of our community. Innocent children being shot while playing on the streets, or lying in their beds; babies being brutalized and beaten, thrown in garbage cans or dumpsters, children being too afraid to even go to school for fear they will be jumped, shot, or knifed to death. What's going on?

We can shake our heads, and redundantly ask ourselves, "What's the matter with these kids?" But, we need not ever forget that their kids, and that whatever is the matter with them, it's our responsibility to work on finding solutions to their problems in order for them to overcome the challenges which they face. Whether it's your neighbor's child or your own child, we must begin to see how none of us can rest easy as long as we don't work on securing our future properly.

It's obvious that we have a lot of young people who need serious psychological counseling to deal with some of the trauma that they have had to deal with since birth. Growing up in homes with drug addicted mothers or fathers, alcoholic, abusive adults, or siblings, etc., would leave anyone emotionally scarred for life. In addition to an

## Remember the children as we celebrate our elders

unhappy home life, the pressure and hassles of living and coping with the attitudes and barriers which are part of living in a racist and sexist society, are additional burdens that the African-American child has to bear.

While we must fight to give our children adequate health care, educational opportunities, positive learning and living environments etc., we must make sure that we are also aware of the needs of each child. Every child or young adult who would stab or shoot another peer who too accidentally bumped them, or stepped on their toes, needs serious help. That much rage built up in any individual, who would spontaneously explode in such a violent manner, has to be carefully examined and analyzed. A mother or dependent who would beat an innocent three day old baby, and throw him in a garbage dumpster, while our immediate reaction is to scorn her, should be looked at to find out how could someone do something so heinous and cruel to another human being, particularly one she gave life to?

If we don't begin to come to terms with the sick and violent behavior we are witnessing and seeing in far too many of our children, we will be condemning another generation — their children — to a far worse fate. We can not and must not allow this to happen.

In addition to more guidance counselors in the schools, we need to advocate for more child psychologists to be hired for each school. Emphasis should be placed on the elementary schools, so that hopefully, problems are detected early, and intervention can occur. Yes, most of the problems are stemming from the home, and there is a need for more parental involvement. Parents need to participate in counseling, and parenting workshops. Unfortunately, some of the parents who need the most help won't come to the schools, or training sessions. As a society we are still obligated to protect the children of these individuals. If we don't, all of us will pay. The financial debt we pay just to house

and feed those individuals in prison is enormous. Maybe, if we invest in preventive measures, we can lessen the financial and emotional burden which we will have to bear in the future.

We don't need any new documents written, or declarations made. All we need to do is to pull out the old ones, and try to get every nation to follow through on the old ones. Certainly, in the African-American community, our celebration of the contributions which our people have made to the world, should be highlighted by the fact that our people have always valued and protected our youth. Our legacy is not one of cruelty and neglect. Our ancestors gave of themselves, and made tremendous sacrifices to insure that we would survive. Our pain, and endurance, throughout all of history bear witness to this reality. Let us celebrate, and rededicate ourselves to the future — our children, as we pay tribute to the millions of African-American pioneers and leaders during this month, as well as each and every day.

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# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## 'College for Kids'

CRANFORD—Union County College opened its Spring Semester "College for Kids" program, which includes 32 enrichment courses for young people in elementary through high schools, on February 6.

Classes will be held on the College's campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, and Plainfield during after-school or Saturday hours.

New courses this semester are "Musical Mania," and "More Cards for Kids."

"Musical Mania" is for children ages three through five. Children will acquire mathematics and reading readiness skills, participate in scientific experiments, explore different time periods and cultures, and experience creative expression. This will be accomplished through use of such instructional tools as song, dance, art, and musical instruments. Parents will join the group during the last session for a collective sing-a-long and dancing. The class will be held from 10:05 to 11:05 a.m. on Saturdays, February 27 through March 27, in Cranford.

"More Cards for Kids," is for children ages seven

through 10 and is a continuation of "Cards for Kids." It will emphasize strategy and logic, and will promote critical-thinking and problem-solving abilities. Youngsters will learn games including Rummy, Pig, Pyramid, and Split, with games selected based upon the overall skill level of the class. Children may choose from two time slots, either from 9 to 10 a.m. in Cranford, or from 1 to 2 p.m. on the College's Elizabeth Campus, both on Saturdays, February 27 through March 27.

A new trip being offered this semester is "Ancient Egypt at Newark Museum," for children ages five through nine. The children will walk through a recreation of an ancient Egyptian home. They will examine replicas of Egyptian artifacts and clothing, and participate in a related craft project. The trip will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, with a bus leaving the Cranford Campus; registration deadline is Friday, March 5.

To find out about these and other courses offered this semester, call 908-709-7601.

## Dinosaurs and Ice Age mammals invade Museum

LINCROFT—Dinosaurs and Ice Age Mammals have moved into the Monmouth Museum for a four month period, March 8 to June 27, in an exhibition entitled "Dinomagica."

Eleven moving, roaring, strikingly realistic creatures provide our visitors with a good idea of how current scientific research thinks that dinosaurs really looked in their native habitat millions of years ago.

In the lower gallery the visitor will be greeted by a fifteen foot tall ferocious Tyrannosaurus Rex, largest of the meat eating dinosaurs. Protoceratops with her nest and hatching eggs will keep company with Apatosaurus, known to many as Brontosaurus, and her young and Stegosaurus, a slow mover with a brain the size of a walnut.

In the upper gallery our visitors will meet Baluchitherium, the largest land mammal known to have lived; Hyacotherium, the 4 foot ancestor of the horse, about the size of a fox; and Diatryma, a huge flightless bird known as the "Terror Crane." Four members of the Smilodon family (saber toothed cat) will appear in their natural setting as



it might have been 1.9 million years ago.

The Becker Children's Wing will become Dino Matters, a hands-on learning center. Here young paleontologists can excavate a site, assemble puzzles, walk in footprints and explore the facts, fiction and unresolved questions associated with these mysterious creatures through puzzles, computers and video.

During the Dinomagica exhibition the Museum will be open to the

public Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. School Group visits will be scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Admission will be on a first come first served basis. Admission during the exhibition will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (2-12 years) and Seniors (over 65). For more information call 908-747-2302.

## Plainfield area YMCA to showcase youth programming

PLAINFIELD—Youth Black History Presentations, a Drill Team Exhibition, and Summer Day Camp Information will be the highlights of Plainfield Area YMCA's Open House on Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m.

The YMCA's After School Adventure program and Kinder Klub participants will be presenting their Second Annual Black History Presentations.

"Last year we were surprised by the number of parents who attended our open house geared specifically for after school," commented Youth Program Director, Daphne Evans. "We thought we would open it up to the community, so every one can see the wonderful work my staff is accomplishing."

The Female Force Drill team has been re-established and will give a brief demonstration of their fast foot during the Open House.

"We not only work on drills," said Evans, "but we also work on self-esteem, leadership and discipline."

Information and brochures about the YMCA's Summer Fun Club Day Camp and scholarships for camp this summer will be distributed. The day camp uses the Watchung Reservation part of the day to give students a unique experience they would not have if occupying the YMCA building all day or staying within the city limits of Plainfield.

Evans said, "They (campers) get a chance to learn about the environment and how to respect it."

Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions, sign-up their child for camp and meet staff directly responsible for programming.

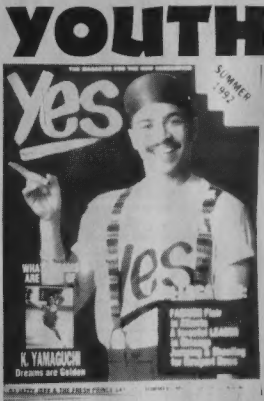
"The Youth Department at the YMCA is growing from only offering after school and summer day camp," said Vice President Beverly Guest. "We're going to attempt to provide

new and innovative programming in Plainfield, but we first need to let people know we're here and we're open for ideas and volunteers to help

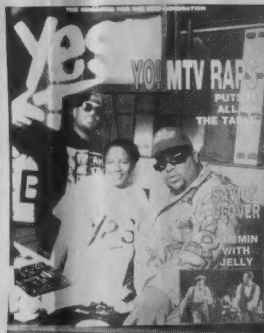
put those ideas into action."

For more information contact Daphne Evans at the Plainfield Area YMCA at 908-756-6060.

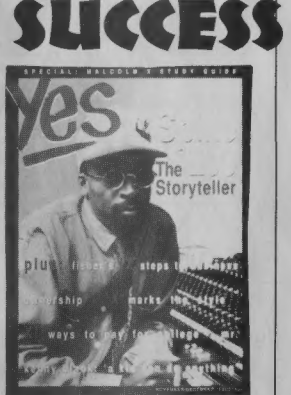
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## African-American Cultural Festival

LINDEN—In celebration of Black History Month, Linden's B.E.S.T. (Black Educators and Support Team) will be sponsoring their First African-American Cultural Festival, in cooperation with the Linden High School African-American History Month Steering Committee, on Saturday, February 27, 1-6 p.m., at Linden High School, 121 W. St. George Avenue.

The festivities will consist of workshops and/or discussions, storytelling, African and Southern cuisine, speakers, entertainers and various displays. A fashion show, featuring African designer, Ms. Therez Fleetwood, will also be presented during the festivities. Students from Linden High School will be used as models.

Designing since the age of 15, Therez Fleetwood has been honored as a top designer in the "Tribute to the Black Fashion Museum," and has been selected to receive the 1992 International Black Fashion Award.

The festivities are free. The B.E.S.T. encourages everyone to attend, regardless of their ethnic heritage. The group believes that an ethnic festival can only educate, and bridge the gap that presently exists between, the black and white communities.

For more info call Brenda Boyd at Linden High School, 908-486-5432.

# The Power of Love

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the one that puts me in the doorway every morning and tells me to go forward. She's with me all the way," he says.

The Mayor says that although his six children—Aaron, Brian, Eugene, Shelley (Wise), Lillian and Marcell—are out raising their own families, they are supportive of what he does.

According to the Mayor, family definitely extends beyond the immediate. He says, "A family is a group that works together, is loyal, honest and dedicated to one another and pulls together for the good of all."

East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper says that his wife of 11 years, Sandy, and his daughters, seven-year-old Tiffané and five-year-old Dana, have been "the source of my strength" during his tenure as mayor and prior to being elected.

"My wife has made it clear that she will do anything that she can to help me, not only in my career as mayor, but as my best friend. They're my best friends. My wife and my children are my best friends," the Mayor says.

Mayor Cooper comes from a family of eleven boys. He says that they worked for, and with, each other to reach common goals and solutions.

But the Mayor was also raised with an extended family. He was raised during a time when "people in the community, folks at church and at school and neighbors helped look out for one another during difficult times." He believes that the extended family is

into the community. His wife reads to children in schools throughout the community. She also runs children's programs to try to strengthen family relationships for young people who don't have the same stability that the Cooper family has.

people know what we [as a family] do and how we do it," Mayor Cooper said. The Mayor said that the community must help to train, teach and love children at an early age, and to help them to build self-esteem so that "hopefully, when they [become] young adults, they will have learned enough about respect for family and friends to be positive young people."

"One of the most tremendous resources that we have for the future is our children," the Mayor noted. "If we can love them and provide for them the way that we ought to, they will learn how to love and provide for others."

Mayor Michael Steele of Irvington says that it is stressful to be the wife of a public official, but that his wife of four years, Laz Minerva a.k.a. "Cookie," has stuck by him.

"My wife has always been right there for me. She's very supportive," he says.

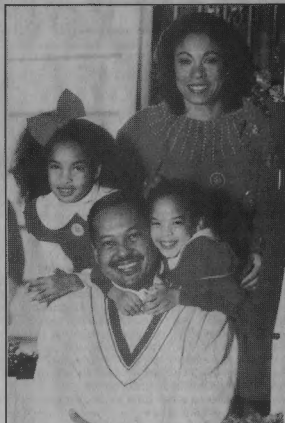
The Mayor says that he comes from a close knit family that has always been very supportive of each other. His father and mother, Fred and Blanche Steele, were strong models for him and his siblings — Teresa, Jeffrey and Valerie.

"I have to credit my parents, who really encouraged hard work and disci-

pline," the Mayor says.

Mayor Steele also believes in the African proverb that says "It takes a village to raise a child." He believes that many of the children of today need that extra support.

"I really think a child needs a mother and father, but today everyone doesn't have that," he explains. "I think we need to get back to the community family."



East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper is surrounded by his daughters, Tiffané (l) and Dana (r), and his wife, Sandy.



Orange Mayor Robert L. Brown is pictured with his wife, Donna, their son, Remington Phillip Brown, and their dog, Bernice.

very important when it comes to raising children. The Mayor's family extends itself

"By doing things and having projects and programs that involve [my family] in the community... they let

me when facing the day to day crises of urban America," the Mayor says.



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parents supported him. Also, when his parents had to work, the Mayor's grandparents took care of him and his sister, Karen, whom he also considers to be "a great blessing."

"I had a stable background, including neighbors who looked after each other," the Mayor says. "My family's support gave me a security and a confidence that took me all through life."

One of the greatest lessons that the Mayor ever learned was taught by his mother. After he graduated from Hampton University, he was only interested in getting a job and buying a car. Once he had done both, his life revolved around those two things.

"My mother said that I should be ashamed of myself for only thinking of myself and not giving back to the community, after all of the people that had helped me along the way," the Mayor

provided room and board for me during my college days at Springfield College," says Mayor James. "Even though she was not a member of my family, she treated me like I was one of her own children and gave me the love, support and encouragement to succeed in any field or task I chose."

"When you're a politician, one of the things you find out first is that some of the most strain and stress is put directly on [your family]," says Orange Mayor Robert L. Brown.

He continues, "They're the people who often times have to hear all the complaints and all the negative things, about the business you're in, that people won't come up and tell you for one reason or another. You're family becomes the sounding board for many of the problems and issues that you were

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Trenton Mayor Douglas Palmer (c) is pictured with his parents, Dorothy (l) and George (r) Palmer.





## CITY

# Art in the Atrium Gallery

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The exhibition opened January 25 and will remain on view, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., through March 1. Admission is free to the public and viewing by courthouse visitors, youth, art enthusiasts, educators, community organizations and civic groups is encouraged.



Members of the Art in the Atrium Committee (from left to right): Charles Craig, Linda Harley, Jackie Bolden, Vikki Craig and Arthur Bolden.

## TNT salutes outstanding black filmmakers in February

ATLANTA—As the country celebrates the important role of Black Americans in shaping the nation, TNT presents a 15-day Black History Month festival — running Sunday, February 14 through Sunday, February 28 — featuring an outstanding line-up of films with black actors, directors, writers and composers. In addition, TNT will feature a "Salute to Black Performers," a series of interviews in which black filmmakers discuss their own careers and the men and women whose work has inspired them.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:20 p.m. "Thomazine and Bushrod" (1974)—Max Julien and Vonetta McGee star as a black Bonnie and Clyde in New Mexico during the last days of the frontier. Directed by Gordon Parks, Jr. ("Superfly") and written by Julien.

12:20 a.m. "The Liberation of L.B. Jones" (1970)—Racial tensions in a small southern town erupt when a black undertaker (Ronelle Lee Brown) uses his wife (Lola Falana) for divorce, revealing her affair with the white sheriff.

2:35 a.m. "The Member of the Wedding" (1952)—Ethel Waters delivers her greatest performance, as a housekeeper helping a teen-aged girl (Julie Harris) through adolescence, in this adaptation of Carson McCullers' novel and play.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:00 p.m. "Shaft in Africa" (1973)—Black private eye John Shaft (Richard Roundtree) tracks down a slave ring in Africa. Vonetta McGee co-stars.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:00 p.m. "Shaft: The Executioners"—Richard Roundtree stars in an episode from the television series.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Noon "The Member of the Wedding" (1952)—Ethel Waters delivers her greatest performance, as a housekeeper helping a teen-aged girl (Julie Harris) through adolescence, in this adaptation of Carson McCullers' novel and play.

2:00 p.m. "Astron Lovet Angel" (1975)—Kevin Hooks' film "Impeach the President" is an inner-city Romeo and Juliet in this tale of gang warfare between Blacks and Puerto Ricans. Gordon Parks, Jr. directs, with Moses Giam and Robert Hooks in the supporting cast.

4:00 p.m. "Shaft: Cop Killer" (1974)—Another installment of the television series starring Richard Roundtree.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 25

MAHWAH—Home to Root: The Art and Politics of Ollie Harrington special reception at the Gallery at Ramapo College. Harrington, an accomplished illustrator and political advisor to W.E.B. Dubois has lived in Europe since 1951. The exhibit runs through February 25. For info call 201-529-7602.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 28

PLAINFIELD—The Drake House Museum will present "A Salute to the History of African-American Churches in Plainfield," and exhibit of church artifacts including lectures at 2 p.m. on three Sundays about Calvary, Shalom and St. Olive Baptist churches. Admission is \$1, members and children are free. For more info call the museum, located at 602 W. Front St., at 908-755-5831.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 28

WAYNE—"Mr. James Andrew Brown Presents..." an exhibit by James Andrew Brown, professor of art at William Paterson College, will be on display in the Art Gallery Lounge in the Student Center. For more info call 201-995-2908.

### NOW THRU MARCH

NEWARK—A traveling photographic exhibit, "The Afro-American Presence in Medicine, 1860-1950," will open at the HCU-George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, 12th Avenue. The library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

WEST LONGBRANCH—Mekdoni X, The Man, The Myth, The Legend," a discussion to be held in the Anson Hall of the College Campus at Monmouth College. For info call 908-571-3475.

NEWARK—"Living the Dream, Inc." a theatre production at 7 p.m. at Essex County College. For info call 201-877-3057.

SOMERVILLE—"Prescience: Dividing the Past" at 12 noon at the William Paterson Community College in the Center Commons Lounge. For more info call 908-682-1200.

BURLINGTON—Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant will be featured in the program "A Celebration of Black Women and the Family" at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium in the college administration center of Monmouth College. For info call 908-571-3475.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

NEWARK—Trinity and St. Philip's cathedral will present an Evening Service in remembrance of Absalom Jones, the first Black priest in the Episcopal Church, at 3 p.m. at the cathedral, 609 Broad Street. For more info call the cathedral office at 201-622-3505, 12:30-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

NEWARK—"The Newark Public Library will host the Lettys Theatre Company in the performance of 'The Escape,' or 'A Leap for Freedom,' at 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 201-733-7753 or 201-733-5643.

ELIZABETH—"The Elizabeth Public Library will present Dr. Byrle W. Johnson, professor of music at Bloomfield College, in a discussion about his book, 'Succumbed My People: The Story of African American Pastor and Theologian Charles Tindley' at 2:30 p.m. The Junior and Youth Chapters of the Metro-Newark National Association of Negro Musicians will appear with Dr. Johnson.

PASSICAN—"Bobby McFerrin will perform at Passaic High School at 8 p.m. For info call 201-538-6413.

SOMERVILLE—John Amos will present his critically acclaimed one-man show,

at Jersey City State College will speak on "Slavery" and his extensive research on Afro-Cuban cultural traditions and history in the Michael Culligan Student Union Building at Jersey City State College from 10-11 a.m. For info call 201-200-3426.

ELIZABETH—"Miss Janice People, a dynamic storyteller from Plainfield, will be performing stories with African-American themes for school-age children and their families at the Elizabeth Public Library at 7 p.m.

EDISON—Middlesex County College will host "Africans in the Diaspora: What's in a Name?" Students from various countries in Africa and throughout the Diaspora will share their experiences at 11 a.m. in Cafeteria C of the College Center.

WAYNE—Brothers for Awareness and Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership and Equality at William Paterson College will present "Black Love Is..." A Dialogue Between the Sexes from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Lounge of the Student Center. For more info call 201-995-2908.

OCEAN COUNTY—"Women of Calabash" a music and vocal performance at Ocean County Community College from 6-8 p.m. For info call 609-255-0493.

PARMUS—Bergen Community College will host "An Evening with Poets of the Diaspora" at 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

EDISON—"Middlesex County College will present a film, 'The Librarians,' and a discussion at 6 p.m. in College Center.

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ELIZABETH—"The Elizabeth Public Library will present Dr. Byrle W. Johnson, professor of music at Bloomfield College, in a discussion about his book, 'Succumbed My People: The Story of African American Pastor and Theologian Charles Tindley' at 2:30 p.m. The Junior and Youth Chapters of the Metro-Newark National Association of Negro Musicians will appear with Dr. Johnson.

PASSICAN—"Bobby McFerrin will perform at Passaic High School at 8 p.m. For info call 201-538-6413.

SOMERVILLE—John Amos will present his critically acclaimed one-man show,

"Haley's Corner" at 8 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Raritan Center Commons Lounge. For info call 908-526-1200.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

LAWRENCEVILLE—"There will be a Gospel Mass with music by the Choir of Our Lady Divine Shepherd, followed by a social, at the Girl Memorial Chapel on the Rider College Campus at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 609-896-5192.

NEW YORK—"Faith Journey" a new musical about the Civil Rights Movement written by Jo Jackson views the movement from Montgomery to Memphis, with Martin Luther King Jr. as the central figure. Performances run Thursday thru Sunday at the Circle Repertory Theatre. For info call 212-824-7100.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

LAWRENCEVILLE—"There will be a presentation of the film 'The Librarians' in the Student Center at Rider College at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 609-896-5192.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

EDISON—Hassan K. Salim, director of Black Gold Cultural Center of Plainfield, will speak on "The Kemelie (Egyptian) Legacy," followed by a book signing, at 11 a.m. in rooms 319-21 of Middlesex County College Center.

LAWRENCEVILLE—"A video presentation of 'Sister Thelma, Her Own Story' will be shown in the Emmaus houses on the Rider College Campus at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 609-896-5192.

SOMERVILLE—"The Planetarium will present 'Minorities in NASA' at 12:30 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College in the Center Commons Lounge. For info call 908-526-1200.

NEWARK—"African American History Month Committee Vendors' Day on the 2nd level of Essex County College from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For info call 201-877-3067.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SOMERVILLE—"Drugs in Black & White" showing at 12 noon at Raritan Valley Community College in the Center Commons Lounge. For info call 908-526-1200.

EDISON—Perry E. Davis, Professor of Black History at Middlesex County College will speak on "The Afrocentric Reconstruction of Male-Female Relationships" at 11 a.m. in Rooms 319-21 of the College Center at MCC.

LAWRENCEVILLE—"A discussion of the Black Student in the 90s, facilitated by Nevaug Wright, will be held in the First side Lounge of the Rider College Student Center at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 609-896-5192.

PARAMUS—Bergen Community College will present an educational play based on Egyptology addressing historical and contemporary issues from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

MURRAY HILL—"Personal Perspectives on Corporate Change," by Curtis Crawford, AT&T Microelectronics vice president at noon in the Bell Labs Auditorium. For info call 802-482-3748.

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### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

"The Issue is Race" at 9 p.m. Phil Donohue hosts this special designed to examine how issues of race and poverty affect the country, especially regarding the November 1992 elections. (Encore)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

"Black American Conservatism: An Exploration of Ideas" at 9 p.m.

Tracing black conservatism back to Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Clarence Page hosts this program which explores the ideas and beliefs of black conservatives. (Encore)

GREAT PERFORMANCES: "Benjamin" Jelly Roll Morton on Broadway" at 10 p.m.

A biographical profile of the man who pioneered jazz music including clips from the hit Broadway musical based on his life hosted by the show's award-winning star, Gregory Hines. (Encore)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

"Joe Zou" at 10:30 p.m. Zou Baker stars in this 1934 French film as a Creole laundress who steps in to the spotlight in a stage revue. Directed by Marc Allégret, subtitles in English.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: "The Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry" at 9 p.m.

The story of the first officially formed regiment of Northern black soldiers who fought in the Civil War, made popular by the feature film "Glory." (Encore) (R-Movie, February 15 at 1 a.m.)

"The Living Canvas" at 10 p.m. An art magazine program profiling three African-American graphic artists: Dean Mitchell, Thomas Blackshear II, and junior painter Billy Dee Williams, who also hosts.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

### GREAT PERFORMANCES: "Black and Blue" at 9 p.m.

Show-stopping blues and jazz from the 1920s and 1930s from the Tony Award-winning musical revue, Features Ruth Brown, Linda Hopkins, Carrie Smith and master tap dancer Bruce Brines and Jimmy Slyde. (R-Saturday, February 20 at 9:40 p.m.)

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## Business Calendar

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**CAMDEN**—Rutgers University will be offering Veterans Entrepreneurial training to Veterans throughout New Jersey. The program will include a curriculum of business management, computer literacy, business law, marketing and operations. Classes will be limited to 25 people. To register call: (609) 225-6221

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**BONEMVILLE**—The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce offers a three-part workshop series that will teach you to take control of your financial future by learning how to manage your money successfully. The cost of the seminar, to be held from 9:30 to 10 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 64 West End Avenue, is \$129. For more info call 908-725-1552.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**ATLANTIC CITY**—The Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women and Minority Businesses and the New Jersey Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor the first of two workshops on "How to Obtain, Utilize and Maintain Bonding" for emerging companies at Atlantic City Community College, Center City Campus, 1505 Bacharach Boulevard, Room 276, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Admission for the seminar is \$20. For more info or to register call 201-448-5950.

# Samuel Carradine named executive director of NAMC

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), a 3,500 member organization representing minorities in the construction industry, has named Samuel A. Carradine, Jr. as its new Executive Director, succeeding Ralph Thomas — who left NAMC after seven years to become an assistant administrator at NASA.

Carradine, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Nigeria, earned his B.A. at Cornell University and his M.A. at Harvard University. He has also

completed course work toward his Ph.D. at Harvard. Carradine was formerly senior associate for strategic and financial planning for the International Science and Technology Institute in Washington, D.C. He has served as an economic development assistant to U.S. Senator Paul Tsongas and was an associate for the White House Reorganization Project under President Carter. He was also president of his own consulting firm, Carradine Associates, for several years.

Carradine stated that his goal as Executive

Director is "to continue our efforts to successfully develop techniques and strategies that address real disparity in access to construction and related contracting opportunities for minority contractors nationwide. Furthermore, NAMC can become a significant part of the solution to the problems of inner city decline and joblessness through direct leadership and participation in programs of urban reinvestment and revitalization, infrastructure development, and job training, especially for our minority youth."

Samuel A. Carradine, Jr.

## Anheuser-Busch distributors named in Newark

NEWARK—Anheuser-Busch, the world's largest brewer, has announced the owners of the new beer distributors to operate in Northern New Jersey.

On January 26, Anheuser-Busch announced that it would replace its company-owned wholesaler in Newark with a network of independent

distributors.

The new wholesalers will improve the individualized service to retail customers in Northern New Jersey. Additionally, some of the new wholesalers will be minority-owned businesses.

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The new wholesalers, Carlos A. Rivera, Curtis W. Greer, Gregory K. Webb and Stephen M. Reale, bring a wealth of experience in the industry as well as a strong commitment to community service. These individuals have a combined 50 years of experience in the beer business.

Greer, 35, is a former professional football player who joined Anheuser-Busch full-time in 1989 and is currently the assistant to the general manager at the company's Chicago Wholesale Services Division.

Webb, 36, currently the manager of the wholesaler business analysis division in St. Louis, joined Anheuser-Busch in 1986 as a senior business analyst.

Reale, 39, currently vice president and general manager of the Newark branch, joined the company in 1979 as a district manager in Sacramento.

Rivera, 44, currently a division manager with responsibilities in New Jersey, joined the company in 1976 as a regional representative.

The company is still in the process of dividing up the market to include three new distributors of similar size. Therefore, the boundaries have not yet been finalized. The new independent distributors replace the company-owned distributorship that has operated in Newark for 40 years.



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If you have had too many inquiries during the past few months, you may be denied credit. It seems to a prospective creditor that you have gone charge-raving mad, or are desperate for capital and attempting to get as much credit as possible. If the number of inquiries into your file begins to mount up, here are your strategies.

First, if you applied with one lender who changed the terms, add a note to your credit file stating the facts.

Second, when applying for new credit or loans, state on your application or verbally that you have applied for better credit, the reason and the results. That way, the creditor will not be surprised at the extra inquiry. You will appear to be

an honest, up-front person.

Third, use a little-known authorization rule to get unauthorized inquiries removed. To inquire into your credit file, the creditor must have your written authorization.

You will often find inquiries for which you gave no authorization. Have these unauthorized inquiries removed immediately, which makes your credit file appear "cleaner." To get the unauthorized inquiries removed, send a copy of the form letter below to the credit bureau and another to the unauthorized inquirer. Check three weeks later to be certain the inquiry has been removed.

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until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on the 12th day of February, 1993 at the Housing Authority's Office, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the Office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, and the Office of Johnson Jones, Architects/Panners, P.A., 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08542.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$25.00 with the Housing Authority of Plainfield for each set of drawings and specifications so obtained. Such deposit will be refunded to each person who returns the plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) calendar days after bid (due) date.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Housing Authority of Plainfield, U.S. Government Bond, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the bid shall be submitted with the bid.

The following forms supplied with the specifications shall be submitted with each bid:

Proposal Form  
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Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY  
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Items may be reviewed from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 9th through Wednesday, February 10th at 1004 Cornsack Street. Successful bidder must leave a deposit sum of 10% with this bid.

2/10/93 KENNETH E. NIXON JR.  
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# THE NEW JERSEY SPORTS AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION CENTER/RAIL TERMINAL CONTRACT #6 - FOUNDATIONS SECTION A ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the above listed contract will be received by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority on March 10, 1993 at the hour of 2:00 P.M., at which time bids shall be publicly opened and read in the Auditorium of the Atlantic County Office Building, located at 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

Each bid when submitted shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn to the order of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, on the form furnished with the Bid Forms and other Contract Documents, for a sum of 5% of the total bid amount.

All Bidders are subject to various statutory and regulatory provisions of New Jersey Law, including but not limited to: New Jersey Public Law 1983, Chapter 450 (Right-to-Work); New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 127 (Affirmative Action Law); New Jersey Public Law 1977, Chapter 33 (Statement of Ownership); Executive Order No. 12248 of September 24, 1985 and of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (Equal Opportunity); Municipal Mechanics Lien N.J.S.A. 2A:44-15 et seq.

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. on February 25, 1993 in the Auditorium of the Atlantic County Office Building, located at 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

Bid Documents for the above listed contract will be available for inspection and pick-up at the Field Office of the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, located at 1900 Beachview Blvd. (Corner of Ohio Avenue and Beachview Blvd.), Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on or after February 10, 1993, for a cost of \$25.00. Non-refundable Payment for Bid Documents must be in the form of a company check or money order made payable to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. Certain other reference documents pertaining to site conditions shall be available for inspection at the office of NUSCA in Atlantic City, New Jersey, located at 1332 Atlantic Avenue, 7th Floor, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Copies shall be made available at the Bidder's request and at the Bidder's expense from Triangio Reparo Center, 1700 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.

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PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

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# Sportlight

by R. L. Greene

NEW YORK — The Athletics played in Kansas City then, not Oakland, and A's owner Charles O. Finley — convinced that the dimensions of Yankee Stadium gave New York an edge — decided to remodel Municipal Stadium into a Bronx on Brooklyn Avenue. Thus came into being the "Pennant Porch," a jerry-built structure that gave Kansas City's Municipal Stadium the same right-field dimensions as Yankee Stadium, an inviting target for left-handed pull hitters.

Of course, the lords of baseball, who only began to listen to Finley after they drove him out of the game, forced the Athletics to tear down the "Pennant Porch."

(For those budding architects reading this, a major league baseball park built to the exact dimensions of Yankee Stadium today would be illegal. Something about a "grandfather clause," you know.)

When Finley demolished his

wooden bleachers, he constructed a ridiculously high chain-link fence atop the right field fence. If the A's couldn't hit cheap home runs, then nobody would homer to right.

Finley, however, forgot to check his own minor league system. Late that year, 1967, the Kansas City A's brought up to the majors a left-handed slugger by the name of Reginald Martinez Jackson.

Now, 26 years later, Reggie is the newest member of baseball's Hall of Fame, and deservedly so. He finished his 21 seasons in the major leagues with 563 home runs to stand sixth on the career list. He could have had four more, except for Finley's "Pennant Porch" fence.

In just 35 games in 1967, Jackson hit four triples, all homogenous drives that hit high off that towering fence in Municipal Stadium's right field. In any other park in the major leagues — even Municipal Stadium in any other year — they would have been a-pe-measure home runs. The fence, though, intercepted the ball, holding Jackson to just three bases.

Check it out: Four triples in 118 at-bats.

In 1968, Reggie's first full year in the majors and the A's first year in Oakland, Jackson had six triples in 553 at-bats in 154 games. He never hit that many in one season again, although in 1978 he tripled five times.

What is probably most remarkable about this story is that Jackson's greatest triumph came in Yankee Stadium's famed right-field stands.

"I think I'm remembered most for what happened in New York and the night of October 18, 1977," said the man called "Mr. October" for his post season heroics.

That was when Jackson became "Reggie" Reggie! Reggie! On consecutive pitches, he homered off

Hooton, Elias Sosa and Charlie Hough to lead the Yankees to an 8-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the sixth and deciding game of the World Series.

While Reggie was the only player elected by writers to baseball's shrine in Cooperstown, N.Y., he won't be the only Black superstar being immortalized in 1993. Try two more of the greatest players ever to grace their sport: Julius "Dr. J" Erving and Walter "Sweetness" Payton.

Unlike many of today's flashy running backs, especially those out of the University of Miami, Payton let his feet, not his mouth, do his talking. And when he had finished his 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears, the former Jackson State star had rushed for 16,726 yards and 110 touchdowns, both all-time National Football League records. Twice the NFL Player of the Year (1977 and 1985), Payton topped 100 yards in rushing 77 times in his career and ran for 1,000 yards or more in 10 of his 13 years.

After playing two years at the University of Massachusetts, Erving began his 16-year pro career with the Virginia Squires of the American Basketball Association in 1971. He was the league's Most Valuable Player in 1974 and 1976 when he led the New York Nets to the ABA title.

In 1976, Dr. J., one of three players in pro basketball history to score more than 30,000 career points, took his high-flying act to the Philadelphia 76ers. An 11-time NBA all-star, he was named the league's MVP in 1981 and led the 76ers to the 1983 NBA championship.

Three superstars — Jackson, Payton and Erving — will be inducted into their respective Hall of Fames later this year. They earned that recognition. And how fortunate we have been to witness them in action.



**Estella**  
You are my one and only.  
Love always, Jimmie.

To my ever dearest loving wife, I love you very much.  
**Happy Valentine**  
Your loving husband, **Capp**

To the world's greatest family: Daddy-Do, Enae, Little Lionel, Geeger — Happy Valentine's Day.  
Love, Rita.

My dearest Omar (Pumpkin)  
Happy Valentine's Day!!! With all my love, forever yours.  
Sheree

To Fun Top  
Happy First Valentine's Day. I love you always.  
Fun Bottom

You're the best father. You're a great mother. I love you both very much. Happy Valentine's.  
You loving son, **Capp**

## Messages from the Heart

**Willie**  
You mean a lot to me. Don't ever change. The future is in our hands. Let's make the best of it.  
Love you, **Millie**

To my family in 'Mizzu'  
I love, miss, and keep you all in my thoughts. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. See you soon.  
p.s. Hi Mommy!

From my heart to yours, I love you Jan.  
**Henry**

Dear Miles, Lyle and Lindsey  
Happy Valentine's Day from your biggest fan.  
Your Mom

I love you, Jeremie  
**Dad**

CJ  
You'll always be my Valentine Baby. Happy Birthday.  
Love, Mom

To Ma & Pa Davis,  
Loveyamauchy! Okay, you too, Philip.  
Cheesy Smile, Nicki

I love you, Jill  
**Dad**

Joann  
What, can I say? You're the best. I love you, sis.  
Rayni

To the Best Grandmom in the World  
We love you, too.  
Cornell, Tony, Joe, Lisa, Steve, Mark, Jay, Buck, Tressy, Craig, Trevor, Miles, Lyle & Lindsey

To a young lady I truly admire. Jill, you make me so proud. Keep on growing and believing in yourself.  
Love, Mom

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## State DOT and PA charged with 'shortchanging' Newark and Essex

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posing that \$150 million be spent for a 9 mile airport rail link in New

Jersey. James charged that this proposal "undermines completely" his city's own plans to link Elizabeth, the airport and downtown Newark.

While the PA plans to use the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) or airport head tax of \$3 per passenger to fund the New York link, it has denied New Jersey the use of similar funds to pay for the Newark-Elizabeth project.

To address the inquiries in the New York and Newark-Elizabeth rail link proposals, James said he will call for a "Transit Economic Summit" between the leadership of the two towns and Essex and Union Counties, and will ask Governor Jim Florio to convene a meeting between these leaders and the PA to "discuss a more balanced

state investment program... that does not redline the people of our urban centers; does not ignore the existing infrastructure and which does not isolate our existing urban centers from New Jersey's future."

"Our best and only hope for survival as urban areas, has been the advantages mass transit provided us over suburban and rural areas," claimed the Mayor. "But if the State and Port Authority are allowed to bring mass transit to outlying communities, like Secaucus, there will be no reason or advantage to investing, working or living in our urban areas. Thus, all that will be left behind will be those who cannot afford to leave, and no one else will be able to afford to come."

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## The Power of Love

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really elected to deal with.

Mayor Brown says that his wife of 13 years, Donna, has always been extremely helpful and supportive; and so have his mother and father.

The Mayor says that his position has not changed the fact that his parents are the parents and he is the son.

"I'm no different probably, than any other politician who has an active mom who's healthy and in contact with him and who always wants to lend [him] a little guidance and to give [him] the correct answers to some things that [he] didn't ask her about," Mayor Brown jokes. "I'm sure Bill Clinton's mother still tells him what he should do and how to do it correctly."

Mayor Brown says that his father is a very bright and talented man, and says that he will probably never be "as bright or as talented" as his father. He explains that times have changed since his father's day, and that there are many more doors open today.

"I'm quick to ask my father his opinion on things and advice on things because I respect him; and I certainly like hearing from my dad," the Mayor says. "It's nice to have him there."

Mayor Brown notes that one of the problems in the community today is that the family concept has "lost its definition."

"When I was growing up, the family literally was the block you lived on — the lady next door would give you a spanking as quickly as your mother would if she caught you out of line," he explains.

The Mayor says that, because of the climate of the times, people are not as open with each other as they were when he was growing up.

"It's difficult to break those barriers down," he says. "There are more crime concerns and people are really afraid of one another. They are afraid to open up, and that's unfortunate."

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